Admiral Mullen is the 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the principal military advisor to the President and Secretary of Defense.

A Los Angeles native and Surface Warfare Officer, Admiral Mullen graduated from the Naval Academy in 1968. He has commanded three ships, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 2, the George Washington Battle Group, the U.S. Second Fleet, and NATO Joint Forces Command.

Prior to becoming Chairman, Admiral Mullen was the 28th Chief of Naval Operations.

[Ladies and Gentlemen it is my privilege to introduce Admiral Mike Mullen.]